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The Tinklarian Doctor's
Fifteenth E P I S T L E.

Which is one above St. *Paul's*, he had but Fourteen; the Reason I give my self this Name, is, because I am a *Tinklar*, and mends old Pots, and old Pans. This Epistle contains a new Light, both concerning Patronages, and concerning the Solemn-league and Covenant. I know I will be hated by all Hypocrites, especially the Clergy, for writing this Epistle; but that Clergyman was never born, that is capable to answer it, nor any of the Rest of my Epistles. In this Epistle, I appeal to the KING, whether these Clergy or my self, deserves the Gallows.



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Dedicate this Epistle to his Majesty King George the second. Great King, may it therefore please your Majesty to accept of this Epistle; I Appeal the Truth of it to your Majesty, as *Paul* did to *Cesar* I dedicated a Book to your Majesty in the first Year of your Reign, it contains sixteen Sheets of Paper, and also great Light of many of the Parliaments in Hell,

in the Time our Lord lived in this World, and of that great Parliament in Hell in the Time that *Constantine* the first Christian Emperor lived in this World, and also of the Rise and Foundation of the *Mahomet* and *Popes*, and many other Things, and are to be sold by me: But my Wisdom is despised, says *Solomon*, because I am poor, but if your Majesty be pleased to make me Rich, my Wisdom will be admired thro' the World. In the last three Years, I printed fourteen Epistles, the Scope of them was to open that great Mystery that ye read of in the 17 Chap. of the *Revelation*, Mystery *Babylon* the great, where I have made

that great Whore as plain as A, B, C. to them that have Light to understand her, *But these Things are hid from the wise and prudent, and are revealed unto Babies.* If I have Encouragement, I shall, thro' Grace, open other two great Mysteries, *To wit,* The Mystery of Iniquity that ye read of in the 2 Chap. of the 2 *Thessalonians*, and also of that great Mystery of Godliness that ye read of in the 1 *Tim.* and 3 Chap. and then I will have Leasure to die, for I am but 64 Years of Age. But now to the Purpose in Hand.

Great King, may it please your Majesty to hear me concerning the Presbyterian Church in *Scotland*, I hear, that there is three of their Ministers gone from us, to Petition your Majesty to take away Patronages, in placing Ministers in Kirks, because they think they have more Light than other Men, they would have that Power to themselves, in choosing and placing Ministers, but if the Ministers in *Jerusalem*, had, had all the Power in choosing Ministers, neither *Peter* nor *Paul* would have been choosen to preach, for these *Jews* would have none to preach but those of their own Profession, neither would these Presbyterian Ministers.

So, I say to your Majesty, as the young Man said to the chief Captain, *Do thou not yield unto them, when there was noe than forty Men that had bound themselves under a Curse, that they would neither Eat nor Drink, before they had killed Paul.* Your Majesty knows what a great Loss it would have been for *Europe*, if *Paul* had not come to it, and if the chief Captain had yielded unto them, by all Appearance, he would not have come here. I confess I am not for a graceless Lord or Laird Patron of a Parish, to have the Power in calling Ministers to Kirks, neither am I for these Presbyterian Ministers to have the Power in choosing and calling Ministers to Kirks, but I am for the Poor in the Parish to have their Vote in choosing their own Minister, because Christ says, *The Poor have the Gospel preached unto them*, ye do not read, that the Rich hath the Gospel preached unto them, so he says, *How hardly shall they that hath Riches enter into the Kingdom of Heaven*, he also pronounces a blessing to the Poor, but we do not read that he pronounces a blessing to the Rich, and your Majesty hath ordained

ordain'd and allowed these Ministers to be so Rich, that they are not worthy of a Vote in choosing a Minister to a Kirk, because they will choose none but those of their own Opinion, and jump in their Judgment, be it Right or be it Wrong.

Your Majesty must know, that these three Ministers that is gone to *London*, to Petition your Majesty, are Men that stand up for a broken Covenant, which was made by such as themselves, both against the Law of God, and the Law of Nature. We read of two Covenants, the Covenant of Works, and the Covenant of Grace, and these two Covenants are sufficient for us to know how to rule our Life and Manners: We read of a Covenant that was made in *Nebemiah's* Time, when the *Jews* were in Captivity under other Kings, because of their Sins, so they made a Covenant and sealed it, to put away their Sins and serve the Lord, which is the Duty of every Christian to make such a Covenant, yet there is no mere Man able to keep such a Covenant, because it is written, ye cannot serve the Lord, for he is an holy God, he is a jealous God, he will not forgive your Transgressions nor your Sins; some may say, what needs we serve the Lord, when he hath said, he will not forgive us, but we must look with an Eye of Faith unto the second Covenant, and then we will be able to serve the Lord, but it is only in and thro' the Righteousness of *Jesus Christ*; there is Righteousness enough in him, and abundance of Mercy to the worst of Sinners, but, out of *Christ*, God is a consuming Fire, so all Persons should take good heed, how they make a Covenant with God, to serve the Lord, for without *Christ* we can do nothing, not so much as think a good Thought.

I say, that Covenant was unlawful that these *Presbyterians* made, for to make Men swear and seal it to be in their Opinion and Profession, before they proved that their Principles were founded upon the Word of God; this they cannot do, so that Covenant was unlawful with a Witness, because it was against the Law of God, and for the Law of the Devil, for it wasto make Men believe that they would go to Heaven, if they be of their Profession, be it right or wrong, only by a Form of Godliness, wanting the Power, as these *Jews* did, who cryed, that they had *Abraham* to their Father, because

cause they were of that Church; and they are
that doth not see the Presbyterian Church, as far degene-
rate as these *Jews* were, especially at this Time, when they
cry so out, and also writes against the independent Church,
for no other Reason, but for walking according to the Rule
of God's Word, which their own Conscience dare not deny,
and if their Church were not built upon a sandy Foundation,
they would not be so afraid for Mr. *Glas*, that he ding their
Church over, for if the Presbyterian Church were built upon
a Rock, the Gates of Hell could not prevail against her,
but their Profession is not founded upon the Scriptures, as
I have proven in all my *Epistles*.

King *James* gave them a Tolleration to preach, and King
William secured them of their Stipends, for he knew the
Nature of them, that the most Part of this Nation is inclin-
ed to their Profession, he also secured the Episcopals Pro-
fession in *England*, because he knew that the greatest Num-
ber of the People were inclined to that Profession, so he se-
cured both these Clergy's of their Stipends, not according to
his Conscience, but only for the more Security of his Crown,
he could not but know, that both their Professions could not be
founded upon the Scriptures, the one being contrary to the other,
so these two different Clergy glories in the King and Parlia-
ment, for securing the Protestain Religion, as if they were
not sufficiently secured already by the Warrant they have in
the Scriptures, without the Help of the King and Parliament,
but these two Clergy's rejoices and are glad of their being
secured of their Stipends, that they may have Bread, and
now being long in Possession, they think that both their
Religions is founded upon a Rock, but I say there is none of
them built upon the Prophets and Apostles, Christ himself
being the chief Corner-Stone.

The Church of *Rome* builds her Church upon *Peter*, but if
Christ had built his Church upon *Peter*, *Paul* would not have
had that Honour to be put in Trust with the Gospel of Christ,
as he says he was; the Reason of their long Delusions, is
by the Words of our Lord to *Peter*, when *Peter* was con-
fessing that Jesus was the Christ, he said unto him, *Thou*
art Peter, and upon this Rock will I build my Church, it was
upon *Peter's* Confession, and not upon *Peter* himself, but the
Scriptures hath been ordained to be so translated, that ignorant

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men should be given up to strong Delusions, so as to believe a Lie, that they may be damned for the Glory of God's Justice, so every one of us should obey Christ, so as to search the Scriptures, if we expect eternal Life.

Great King, I appeal to your Majesty, if we are bound to obey that Covenant which they made; what Sort of Monsters would your Subjects be, if every one of us would ty our Faith to another Man's Sleeve, blessed be God that hath put it in your Majesty's Mind, to let every one of us live by their own Faith, it will never be their Faith that will save me. *Paul* saith, *God will justify the Heathens thro Faith*, he says, *he was made all Things to all Men, that he might by all Means save some*; so ye see the Difference that is between *Paul* and these Covenanters, *Paul* says, we should have Charity towards all Men, Covenanters would have Charity towards no Man, but these only who would enter into a solemn League and Covenant with them. These Clergies has turned so Rich, Fat and proud; instead of Kings reigning over them, they Reign over Kings, so ye read, *And the Woman which thou sawest, is that great City or Clergy that reigneth over the Kings of the Earth*. I confess, they drive furiously like *Jehu*, for their own self Ends, and their self Ends hath made them go from Scotland to England, to ask that Favour from your Majesty, to give them the Power in calling Ministers to Kirks.

If it please your Majesty, do not yeild unto them, except upon these Conditions, that they preach the Gospel of God freely, as *Paul* did, and as the independent Church of Scotland doth; altho the Gospel of God was committed to *Paul's* Trust, they will not Trust *Paul* with their Gospel, neither will they Trust God for their Bread, but they Trust in your Majesty, because you have secured them of their Stipends, that they may have Bread; in so doing, they have forgotten the Lord's Prayer, *Give us this Day our daily Bread*, instead of that, they pray for your Majesty for securing them of their Bread, but your Majesty gets two Prayers in the independent Churches, for their one, for nothing, because the Law of God is Written on their Hearts to pray for the King, so your Majesty needs not give these Clergy thanks for their Prayers, because you give them Bread for it.

But if your Majesty would be pleased to take their Stipends from them, which is every King's Duty to do, then you would discern between the Righteous and the Wicked; between him that serveth God, and him that serveth him not; there is not such a command in all the Scriptures, as to give a Man Money for preaching Christ's Gospel, he hath forbidden them to take Money for preaching his Gospel, he says, *The Workman is worthy of his Meat*, but ye will not read in all the Scriptures, that the Ministers are worthy of Money.

I appeal to your Majesty, whether Simon the Sorcerer or they be the best Men, for Simon the Sorcerer offered Money for to have the Apostles Power, but these Clergy Robs People of their Money to have the Apostles Power. Paul says, *Even so hath the Lord ordained, that they who preach the Gospel, should live of the Gospel*. what should hinder these Clergies, but they may live upon Meat and Drink as Paul did, and as I do, and as the Independent Ministers does, 'tis a strange Thing, that Kings should allow and ordain these Ministers Money to preach Christ's Gospel against his Will. I shall write three Scriptures, that all Kings should well consider, and I am sent on purpose to this World, to make this Mystery known to your Majesty, and whether you hear or forbear, I have delivered my Commission.

With whom the Kings of the Earth have committed Fornication, and the Inhabitants of the Earth have been made Drunk with the Wine of her Fornication.

For all Nations have Drunk of the Wrath of her Fornication, and the Kings of the Earth have committed Fornication with her.

And the Kings of the Earth who have committed Fornication and lived Deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the Smoke of her Burning.

This is the Meaning of the Scriptures, that all Kings who allow and ordain the Clergy to be hired to preach Christ's Gospel, they commit Fornication with the Whore of Babylon, and here is the Mind which hath Wisdom, as ye read; no Clergyman can put a truer Meaning upon these Scriptures, if that were not the Meaning of these Scriptures, Christ would not have said, *The Hyreling careth not for the Sheep*, and the Jews marvelled, saying, *How knoweth this Man Letters, having never learned, if any Man will do his*

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Will, he shall know of the Doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of my self, now we know that God beareth not Sinners, but if any Man be a Worshipper of God, and doth his Will, him he beareth. These Scriptures make it plain, that any poor Man may know the Meaning of these Scriptures better then all the learned Clergymen in the World; these Scriptures condemn all the ignorant Persons, who condemn the independent Ministers, because many of them is unlearned.

I appeal to your Majesty, if that poor blind Beggar that ye read of, did not speak more Sense, than all the Ministers in *Jerusalem*; and he knew, that *Jesus* was the Christ, better than any of them did: So, this made the poor Man marvel at their Ignorance. So he says to them, *Herein is a marvelous Thing, that you know not from whence he is, and yet he hath opened mine Eyes.* I say, these Presbyterian Ministers, appear to me, to be as ignorant of the Doctrine of Christ, as these blind Clergy was.

I say to your Majesty, if you would be pleased to take away their Stipends, many of them will curse you in their Hearts, and if they had Power, they would take off your Head, as they did the Head of King *Charles*, they are not to be trusted in; there was three of these covenanted Ministers, was sent up to the King, to seek a Favour of him, for the Good of the Presbyterian Church; but for the Love of Money, they betrayed their Trust, and came down Bishops.

By this, your Majesty may know, the Nature of these Presbyterian Covenanters, they doth not so commonly curse and swear, as they cheat and lie like these in the City, who has cheated me out of my Light, these Hypocrites Names shall be in my Testament afterwards.

I appeal to your Majesty, if these Covenanters were all serious, in swearing to keep that Covenant, if they were not serious, they brought upon themselves a Curse, in stead of a Blessing, by bringing themselves under the Guilt of Perjury. Will any but Mad-Men, make Men swear to a Form of Religion, wanting the Power of it, by so doing, they were to live secure Hypocrites all their Days, by their being in the Bosom of a covenanted Church, and had sworn to believe as their Church believes, as doth the Church of Rome;
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but I think, it is better to be Hand loose, than in an ill Tethering.

I say, that Covenant was unlawful with a Witness, because a Man under the Power of it, durst not walk according to the Rule of God's Word, but according to the Rules of their false Church. I have proven by the Scriptures, that their Church is a false Church, in all my Epistles, and in many of my Books, and there is none that is capable to answer them, as both Principals and others of them, told me to my Face, I do not condemn their Church alone, but I condemn all other Churches, who doth not walk according to the Rule of God's Word, and will not preach Christ's Gospel, unless they be hired for to do it. *Constantine* the first Christian Emperor, he was the first that hired the Clergy to preach. The honest Man did it upon a good Design, for to advance Christ's Church; but the Devil was too old for him, for he hath made the most Part of the Churches in the World common Whores, for the Love of Money, it being the Root of all Evil, as *Paul* says; all the Churches in the World, who doth not walk according to the Rules of Scripture, is the Whore of *Babylon*, with a Witness.

I say to these Presbyterian Covenanters, there is a great Difference between maintaining Liberty of Conscience for our selves, and depriving others of it, between defending our selves in the Possession of our own Religion, and cramming it down the Throats of others, as that Solemn League and Covenant did. I say, altho' an Angel came from Heaven, and altho' one rose from the Dead, and preach to these Clergies, and to tell, that they are the Whore of *Babylon*, they would not believe it; Self-love being rooted in all Mankind, from the Beginning of the World. *Adam* blamed his Wife, his Wife blamed the Serpent, and the Protestants blame the Church of *Rome*, that she is that great Whore; but how can she be the only Whore, when the Spirit of God says, *All Nations have drunk of the Wine of the Wrath of her Fornication*; and if these Presbyterian Ministers be not the Whore, why are they so greedy of Gain. Christ and his Apostles, was not so, except *Judas*, who was the Type of that Whore, the *Revelations* of *John* makes it plain, that they are the Whore, by their having so much Gold and precious Things, and Christ and his Apostles, being so poor,

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but the Ministers of Christ, follow his Example, both in Want and in Hunger, and to Death itself. These two different Clergies say now in their Hearts, *I sit a Queen, and am no Widow, and shall see no Sorrow*, as ye read; ye read there, what their End shall be.

I appeal to your Majesty, if one Soul of both these Clergies, since King William secured them of their Stipends, shall cry with a loud Voice under the Altar, *How long O Lord, holily and true, dost thou not avenge our Blood on them that dwell on the Earth, for the Word of God, and the Testimony which they held*; but they will hold by their Stipends, come of the Testimony of God's Word what will, their Reason is contrary the Law of the Gospel, and their Will is contrary the Law of God.

Great King, I have given your Majesty Light, concerning the Clergies Stipends, so I must give these Clergy Light concerning Kings, I say to them, altho' a King be an Infidel, or a Heathen, as *Cesar* was, or a Quaker or Papist, as King *James* was, or a Murderer, or a Warlock, as *Mannassah* was; yet it is the Clergys Duty, to pray for him, because God commanded us; and if a King want Grace, we have the more Need to pray for him; then, what Sort of Presbyterian Covenanters were these, who choosed rather to be hanged, than to pray for the King; will ever their Souls cry under the Altar, when they would not obey God's Word; they blamed the King for it, but I blame themselves.

I will speak of thy Testimonies before Kings, and will not be ashamed, be wise now therefore, O ye Kings, be instructed ye Judges of the Earth, so as to withhold the Clergies Stipends from them, and then your Majesty shall know the Godly from the Ungodly, and be kind to the Independent Churches, because they preach the Gospel of God freely, as *Paul* did, and their Church shall increase, when all other Churches shall decrease; And this is the Miracle, that one Man hath brought so many out of *Babylon*, in so short a Time, and hath planted seven Churches in this Nation.

Verily I say unto you, ye shall not have gone over the Cities of *Israel*, till the Son of Man be come, neither shall the Independent Church, go over the City of *Scotland*, till the Son of Man be come. There is many Cities that will not receive them, such as *Aberdeen* and *Brechen*, it shall be more tollerable

tolerable for Sodom, in the Day of Judgment, than for these Cities; but they must lay their Account with Tribulations, when they are persecuted in one City, they must fly to another.

I say, if it were not the Kings of the Earth, who upholds the Whore, *Babylon* would fall, and if it were not the Kings of the Earth, who ordains these Clergy Money, for to preach their Gospel, Kings would not be mentioned in these Scriptures. I do not read, that ever a King rang over the Church of *Rome*, but only Emperors and Popes; these Clergy, calls the Church of *Rome* the Whore, but I call them the Whore, and if they be not the Whore, there was never a Whore in the World. There is two Scriptures makes it plain, *Paul* says, *But though we, or an Angel from Heaven, preach any other Gospel unto you, let him be accursed*; as we said before, so we say again, if any Man preach any other Gospel unto you, let him be accursed. Observe there what he says, than that which we have preached, he doubles these Words, that the whole World may take Notice of them; and seeing the Gospel of God was put in his Trust, wherefore should he not defend it, so he says, he was sent for the Defence of the Gospel; but it was not these Clergies Gospel, that he was sent to defend; but it was the Gospel of Christ, that he preached himself: So he commanded us to beware of Dogs. All them who doth not preach as he did, he compares them to Dogs. The other Scripture says, they are the Spirit of Devils, working Miracles, which goeth forth unto the Kings of the Earth, and of the whole World. This is written before *Babylon* came in Remembrance before God, so as to punish her; and this is the Miracles that they study to work by their fine Stile of speaking, and learned Discourses; and by that, they deceive the Nations. The Wisdom of Man, is Foolishness with God, and his Thoughts are not as our Thoughts, as ye read; but the Independent Ministers, work at their Tiades, all the Day before they preach, because God gives Gifts to Men, as ye read; but few Men will get a Word of a Presbyterian Minister on the *Saturday*, they trust more in their Memory and Learning, than they do in the Spirit of God, so it is said, *There shall arise false Christs, and false Prophets, and shall shew great Signs and Wonders, in so much if, it were possible, they would deceive the very Elect*; but none of these two Beasts shall deceive me, neither the Protestant Churches, nor rise Popish,

Popish Church, altho a great Part of the World be wondering after these Beasts, all their Hearers, are Worshipers of the Beast. I shall ask three Questions of these Clergies, before I close, which neither Bishops, nor Professors of Divinity, are capable to answer. Who is it, that *Isaiah* the Prophet, calls *blind ignorant, dumb Dogs, and greedy Dogs, which can never have enough*? Dare you deny but it is you; if it be not you, who is it? dare you say it is me, for I am neither a Watchman nor a Shepherd: Ye may say out of your Ignorance, these Scriptures were written for the *Jews*, but if the Scriptures were written only for the *Jews*, there is no Need for us to make Use of them. But ye must hear what the Prophet *Malachy* says to you, *O ye Priests, this Command is for you, and if ye will not hear, I will even send a Curse upon you, and if ye expect to escape that Curse, ye must hear what is said from the Scriptures, in these Fifteen Epistles against you.*

Moses makes it plain, that the Scriptures were written for us, as well as for the *Jews*; so he says, *Neither with you only, do I make this Covenant, but it is also with him that is not here, that is this Generation.* The Scriptures were written for the Living, and not for the Dead.

2dly, I ask of you, who was it, that our Lord calls false Christs, if it be not you, who is it? The Scriptures makes it plain, that it is you.

3dly, I ask, who is it that *Paul* calls the Ministers of *Satan*, who hath transformed themselves as Angels of Light, if it be not you, who is it? if ye can prove by the Scriptures, it is not you, I deserve to be hanged; but if ye can not, ye deserve to be hanged.

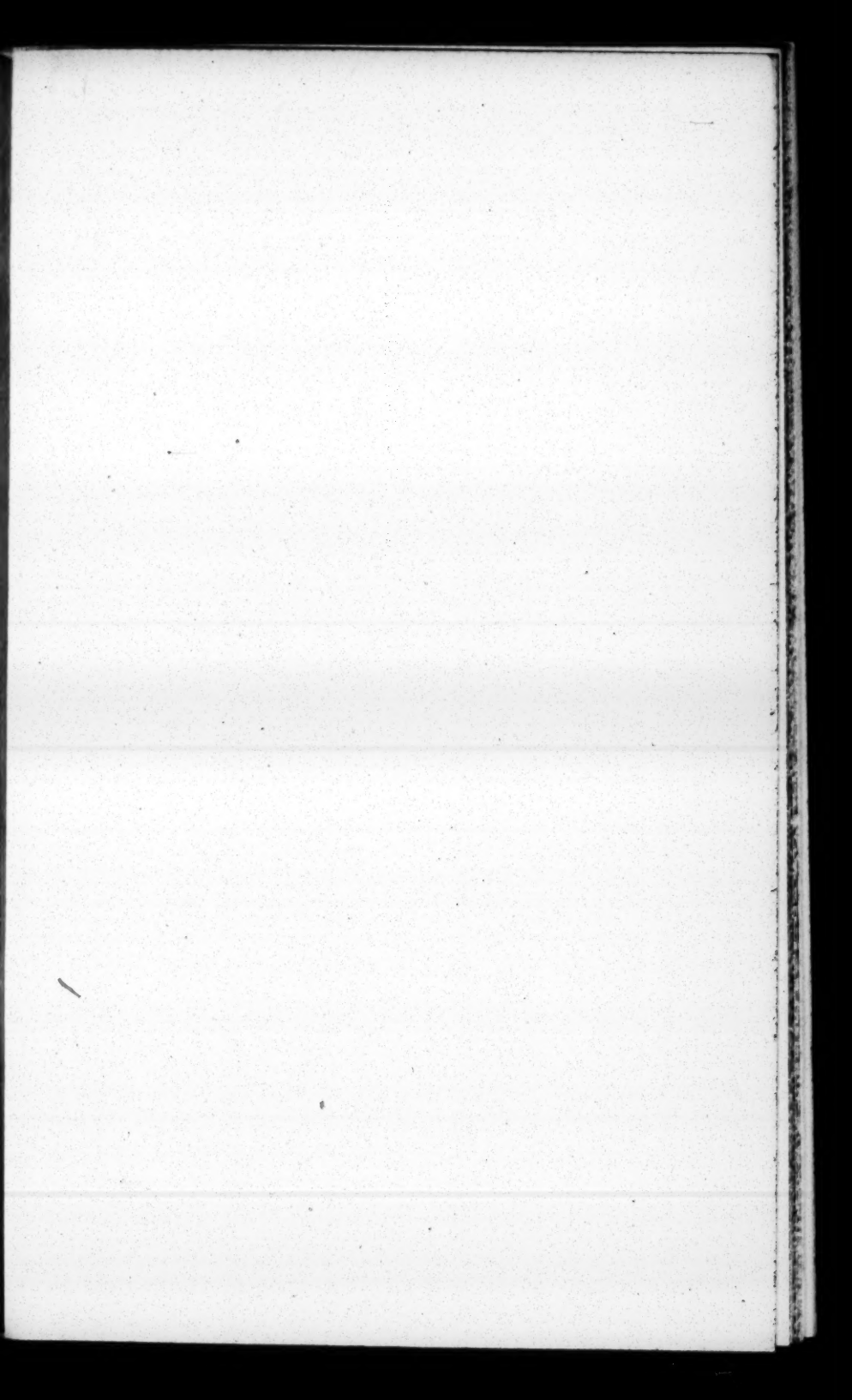
I appeal to your Majesty, which of us should be hanged, for it is clear, that some of us deserves it.

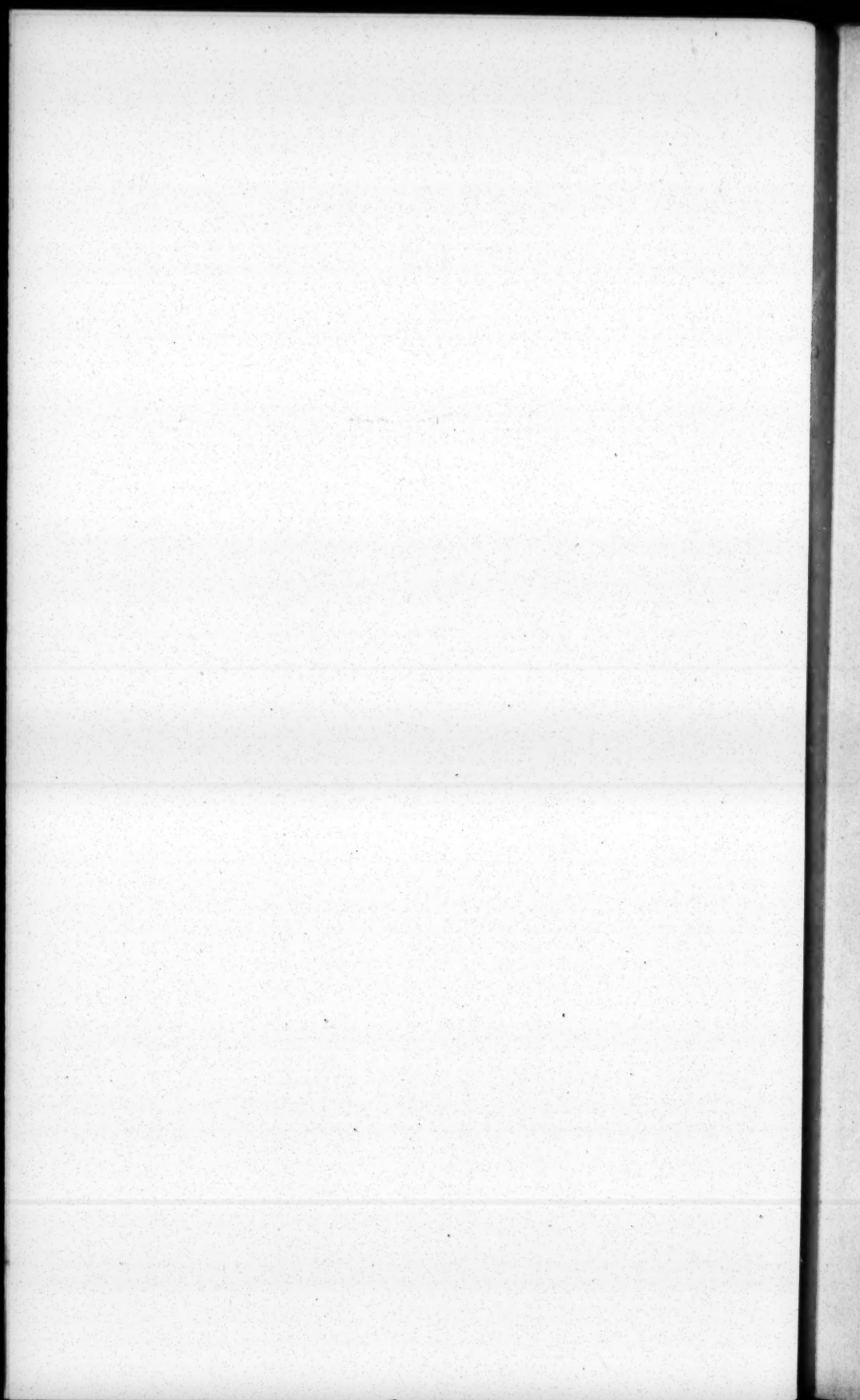
So, if it please your Majesty, hang one of us, after you search the Scriptures, and then your Majesty shall know, which of us deserves it, and if I get Justice, according to the Scriptures, they should be hanged, and I should be free.

God save the King, *Amen, Amen, Amen.* And also the Queen, who gave me Gold for my Light, in *Richmond Walks.*

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